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C. M. Jordan and C. M. Grosse came up from Denmar Saturday and spent Sunday at their homes here.

Clarence Moore, of Staunton, Va., is spending some time here with his uncle, W. H. Barlow.

Mrs. Mamie Jordan and Miss Lucile Carey were shopping in Marlinton Friday.

Miss Beulah Moore is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. W. Clark at Marlinton.

Miss Lynette McKeever returned last week from a visit among friends at Buckeye.

G. C. Poling was a business caller in Marlinton Friday.

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In an effort to give this county an all-year road, last summer the state road commission spent a considerable amount of money on Route 56, known locally as the Huntersville road. Several thousands of gallons of special road oil was soaked into a base, which was thought to be substantial. Immediately after the work was completed, and the oil had soaked in thoroughly, the road had all the appearance of a first-class macadam highway. Fall came, freezing weather, and a few light thaws. Still the road held its own.

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Bottom Falls Out Huntersville Road

Thaw Following Cold Snap Reveals That Road Lacked Base

Experimental roads, especially those put down without sufficient base do not pay, it was revealed here last week when the bottom "fell out" of the Huntersville road, following a thaw, which came right on the heels of a severe cold snap.

In an effort to give this county an all-year road, last summer the state road commission spent a considerable amount of money on Route 56, known locally as the Huntersville road. Several thousands of gallons of special road oil was soaked into a base, which was thought to be substantial. Immediately after the work was completed, and the oil had soaked in thoroughly, the road had all the appearance of a first-class macadam highway. Fall came, freezing weather, and a few light thaws. Still the road held its own.

With the few exceedingly warm days last week, came the "big thaw", and it told a different story. The entire bottom fell out, rendering the

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HUNTERSVILLE CHATTER BOX

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Mr. Flynn, our County Superintendant was in this section Monday.

Mr. Harry Cochran and Mr. Harper Barrett were visiting their aunt Mrs. Ida B. McComb here Sunday.

Miss Evelyn Ginger, who has been attending school at Montgomery has returned to her home here.

Miss Evaleigh Harper spent the week end with Miss Gweneviere Jordan at this place.

Miss Reta Moore who is employed at Charleston is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Grey Loury, of Elkins, are visiting the former's father, Mr. J. C. Loury.

Miss Helen Barlow is visiting friends in New York at this writing.

Miss Madeline Barlow who is employed at Marlinton spent Sunday with home folks.

Miss Anna Price Sheets who has been nursing at Huntington has returned to her home here.

Mr. Blake Shrader, Miss Nellie Barlow and others motored to Elkins Sunday.

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Miss Mae Necessary, of Huntington, is the guest of Miss Leta Beard, at Beard.

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During the winter 1852 almost all of the business, part of the town was destroyed by fire. During the Civil War it was burned by Federal troops, sent from Beverly, to present it being a Confederate depot for military supplies.

After the war it again grew into an important little town. Flourishing stores were operated by Amos Barlow. Lourey and Son, Lourey and Doyle. Improved methods of farming were adopted and the town took on a more pleasing appearance than ever before.

One of the principals hotels was operated by J. Williams, John Bussard, John Holden, Porterfield Wallace, I. C. Carpenter and E. Campbell in succession, but was burned by federal troops during the Civil War.

Salooning was for many years a flourishing business but in 1848 licenses for salooning was refused by the Court. This of course did away with saloons in the county.

Blacksmithing was also an excellent business as there was much horse shoeing and wagon repairing to be done. Finleys' shop stood near the Cummings Creek road and from three to four hands were employed. Another shop was operated by Jack Tidd., Later by William Dilley, a very skilled artisan; and G. W. Ginger in succession. (Though Ginger was not there until after the war)

For many years a thriving business was carried on in the harness and saddle business. First by John Haines who employed four or five hands. After by William Fertig, and later by William Grose and Son.